WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for generating and displaying a patient form, the method comprising:

retreiving an XML file from a computer-readable medium, said XML file detailing data and structure of said patient form;

processing said XML file by running of an XML-responsive application; generating said patient form defined by said XML file; and displaying said form on a display.

- 2. A method according to claim 1, wherein said computer-readable medium is random access memory.
- 3. A method according to claim 1, wherein said patient form is an interactive patient form.
- 4. Method according to claim 1, wherein said patient form is a real-time interactive patient form.
- 5. Method according to claim 1, wherein said patient form is a clinical trial form.
- 6. Method according to claim 5, wherein said clinical trial form is a screening form.
- 7. A method according to claim 5, wherein said clinical trial form is a post-randomization form.
- 8. A method according to claim 5, wherein said clinical trial form is a termination form.

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9. A computer program product containing a software program for installation in a central computer system that is connected to a network, the software program comprising:

code for generating code for a patient form, said patient form defined by an XML file.

- 10. A computer program product according to claim 9, wherein said software program further comprises code for network deployment of said code for a patient form.
- 11. A computer program product according to claim 9 or 10, wherein said patient form is an interactive patient form.
- 12. A computer program product according to claim 9 or 10, wherein said patient form is a real-time interactive patient form.
- 13. A method according to claim 9 or 10, wherein said patient form is a clinical trial form.
- 14. A method according to claim 13, wherein said clinical trial form is a screen form.
- 15. A method according to claim 13, wherein said clinical trial form is a post randomization form.
- 16. A computer program product according to claim 13, wherein said clinical trial form is a termination form.
- 17. A computer program product comprising:

a software program comprising code for generating code for a patient form, said patient form defined by an XML file, said software program for installation in a central computer system that is connected to a network. 18. Computer program product according to claim 17, wherein said software program further comprises code for network deployment of code for a patient form.